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For: BURNER FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF
SYNTHETIC QUARTZ GLASS

Examiner: S. P. Griffin

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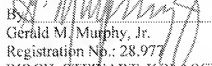
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